

WAS POISONED SAY DOCTORS OF MILLERS

FAMILY OF ED MILLER MYSTERIOUSLY POISONED—DOCTOR THINKS IT WAS MEAT.

Three of the four members of the family of Ed Miller, who drives the local ice wagon, were mysteriously poisoned a day or two since, and the doctors are trying to figure out just how it happened.

Mrs. Miller and her two boys were the victims, the father in some manner escaping. The younger of the lads, a little fellow of some 7 years, was critically ill for some hours, and it was feared for a time his condition was dangerous. Prompt medical assistance saved him.

The family uses considerable canned goods, and they were inclined to attribute it to this source. The doctor, however, attributes it to the meat used, particularly as a neighboring family lately had an experience that bears out this conclusion. They had several visitors to dinner, and the visitors, who were served the outside cuts from a roast, were all taken sick. The members of the family escaped, from which it was inferred that the poison was due to something put on the meat which had not penetrated the interior of the roast.

BOND MEN SLIP A COG.

Yesterday when the bill came up in the assembly knocking out the North Carolina bonds, the attorney for the bonds slipped a cog. It was figured that there would be a chance given the other side of the story. The attorneys for the parties who would hand the gilded brick to the state had everything ready and their story was well planned and sounded mighty good. The boys in the house took no chances, they went to the bat and put more holes in the bond business in five minutes than could be patched up in several sessions. The members of the lower house when they get in action certainly tear the trimmings off the pet measures, and before the session is over they will have a lot of notches cut in their war clubs. They are certainly getting down to business and many a cog is liable to slip within the next fifty days.—Carson Appeal.

NEVADA'S TAXABLE PROPERTY.

According to the annual report of the state controller, the assessed valuation of the real estate and personal property in the state last year was \$78,554,970.08, and the net proceeds of mines upon which tax was collected were \$8,874,227.58, making the total valuation for taxable purposes \$87,429,206.66.

TONOPAH MINER IS KILLED IN A NATIONAL MINE

SKULL CRUSHED BY FALLING ROCKS IN MANWAY—IGNOR-ED WARNING.

Tom Vucovich, a well-known miner, was killed about 8 o'clock Wednesday morning, his skull having been crushed in by falling rocks in the manway in No. 3 raise in the National Mines company's property.

An inquest was held yesterday by Justice Hayes and the jury rendered a verdict of accidental death and absolved the company of all responsibility for Vucovich's death. The jury found at the time of the accident he was working in the manway against the orders of the head timberman.

Vucovich went to National from Tonopah, where he has two brothers living.

ONE-CENT LETTER POSTAGE.

The One-Cent Letter Postage association has been formed with the avowed purpose of conducting a vigorous campaign among business men for the promotion of a sentiment demanding a reduction in the first-class postage rate from two cents to one cent for each ounce or fraction thereof. The association points out that the government is collecting about 84 cents per pound for carrying letters, the cost of which service is probably less than half that sum. The actual profit to the government on first-class matter is said to be 66.9 per cent. The association which is urging lower first-class rates contends that there is an unjust discrimination in the government collecting 84 cents a pound for first-class mail while it carries second-class mail for one cent a pound. It is not to be lost sight of, however, that the people at large profit by cheap postage rates for second-class mail. Were publishers compelled to pay a much higher rate than at present the day of cheap newspapers and cheap magazines would be ended. That second-class mail can be hauled at a profit at one cent a pound is evidenced by the fact that the express companies are glad to transport periodicals at the government rate. Were the exorbitant sums paid the railroads for the transportation of mail reduced to a reasonable level, other extravagances and abuse of the postoffice department weeded out, and a parcels post system installed, there is little reason to doubt that the first-class postage rate could be reduced to one cent an ounce and the second-class rate left at the present figure without incurring a deficit.

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DEATH VALLEY NITRO BEDS ARE LOCATED

Immense filings for nitro have been made by a syndicate in the Death valley section. Saturday the locators covered almost 5000 acres, and yesterday over 7000 additional acres were located, the total locations covering an area of 11,840 acres. The nitro beds just discovered lie in the region of Owl Hole springs, says the San Bernardino Sun.

Last week the locators leased their locations to a wealthy syndicate. Under the terms of that lease they are to receive \$5 per year rental for each claim for fifty years, and the syndicate promises to do \$100 worth of development each year. This assures the locators and owners a neat income, besides assuring systematic development of the property.

Their new locations lie within a short distance of the leased ground. The entire country is said to abound in a high grade nitro, and its shipment to the coast is said to mean fortunes for the lucky owners. Nitro is invaluable as a fertilizer, selling at \$90 a ton.

COMMISSION WILL REPORT IN FEW DAYS

Within the next ten days the legislature will receive the first report of the code commission, appointed by the last legislature to secure a reorganization of the Nevada statutes. This work has been carried out by the justices of the supreme court, who were appointed as the code commission, with the aid of Walter D. Cole, the Tonopah attorney, who has since moved his offices to Oakland, Cal. Mr. Cole has practically performed all of the work. He first consulted the statutes of all Western states and later secured an excellent compilation of the laws, which have not been systematically revised since 1869.

The civil codes practice, with the amendments, is now in the hands of the state printer, and will be submitted to the legislature in about ten days. This will be followed by the criminal practice and the section devoted to crimes and punishments. Later will come the sections devoted to lands and agriculture, revenues, taxes and licenses, corporations and the probate acts. All will carry many amendments.

The fish and game sections will be handled by the commission of that name, which will present a measure covering the subject in its entirety. Matters relating to the

public schools will be handled by the state superintendent of public instruction, together with the aid of the district deputies. The question of fees will in all probability be referred to the different county delegations, before being brought before the legislature for final action. It will be the endeavor of the commission to consult with the legislature as a whole on the election laws, for it is assured that legislation on this subject, relative to primary elections, will come up during the present session.

The task of revising the laws has been under way for the past two years, and when compiled Nevada will have a volume of complete laws that will be a credit to the state.

BILL TO REGULATE WATER AND LIGHT RATES

A bill has been introduced in the assembly to enable the board of county commissioners to obtain data and information from any corporation, company or person supplying water, gas, electricity, telephone or sewerage to such county or inhabitants thereof, requiring such board of commissioners to fix the rates to be charged.

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